

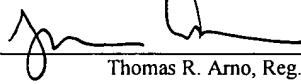
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- (X) Power of attorney form and copy of assignment in 3 pages.
- (X) An English translation of the International Application (35 USC 371(c)(2)).
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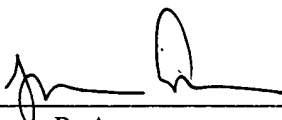
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- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 09/16/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 12/12/2005
- Oath or Declaration filed on 09/16/2005
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 09/16/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 09/16/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 09/16/2005
- Specification filed on 09/16/2005
- Claims filed on 09/16/2005
- Drawings filed on 09/16/2005

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- Translation of the application into English. Note a processing fee will be required if submitted later than 30 months from the priority date.
- Processing fee of \$130 for providing the translation of the application and/or the Annexes later than 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)).

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